

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

1. The following shows the changes made to the paragraph originally found at page 1, line 14 of the specification:

This application is a Divisional of Application Serial No. 09/552,988 filed April 21, 2000, now abandoned, which claims the benefit of Application Serial No. 08/878,474 filed June 18, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,133,232, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/020,150, filed June 20, 1996.

### SPECIFICATION

The Applicant has recently become aware that the present application claims an incomplete chain of priority.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 C.F.R 1.78, the Applicants have amended the specification to contain a reference to each prior-filed application in the chain of priority to the present application. The Applicants have also filed concurrently a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a) for an unintentionally delayed claim for priority and the surcharge set forth in 37 1.17(t). **Therefore, the priority of the present application is correctly claimed to the Provisional Application 60/020,150 filed June 20, 1996.**

### CONCLUSION

The Applicant hereby submits that the present application is in condition for examination.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 501946 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,  
MCDERMOTT, WILL & EMERY

  
Marc E. Brown, Registration No. 28,590

2049 Century Park East, 34th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90067  
(310) 277-4110  
Facsimile: (310) 277-4730  
**Date: November 11, 2003**